

IN THE
FRONT ROW

HEADLINERS TONIGHT

Musical Comedy

Hippodrome The Duke
Photoplays
Nelson Barbary Sheep
Princess More Truth Than Poetry
Dixie Society's Driftwood

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Hippodrome—Camp Shelby picture.
Nelson—Birds of a Feather, comedy.
Dixie—The Fighting Trail, serial.
Princess—Hearst-Pathe News.

KATHLEEN CLIFFORD, starring on the Horkheimer-Paramount program, made many friends while in wadeville, not the least among whom was a certain elephant performing on the same bill with herself. Kathleen was the headliner and the elephant closed the bill. They met first in Cincinnati. She "appeared in one" and as her dressing room was on the stage, she fed the beast while the stage hands were arranging her set. The elephant soon came to know his little friend. It was often observed that he could scent her coming. From Cincinnati the troupe went to Columbus. En route Kathleen forgot about the elephant and on the night of opening, as she stood talking to a girl whose dressing room adjoined her own, suddenly she had a most uncanny feeling that she was being watched by a pair of eyes. Her turn came to go on and as she tripped out, she suddenly felt herself lifted high above the audience in the grasp of an elephant's trunk. She was swung gently to and fro, cradled as it were, while she shrieked and struggled. Finally to the mingled delight and consternation of the audience she was lowered to the footlights and the applause became tremendous, for the people thought it was part of her act.

Cantonment Picture and Comedy.

The pictures of Camp Shelby and a new comedy with music is the offering at the Hippodrome today. The big camp picture was shown yesterday at all three performances and proved an interesting feature of the big double bill. The audiences watched the pictures intently and occasionally broke into applause as the figure or face of some one known to them loomed on the screen. The comedy part of the program was the same as presented the day before by Hank's Bon Bon Revue company and the principals and chorus acquitted themselves in a manner highly pleasing to the spectators. Teck Murdock created most of the merriment in his pleasing style and the Ole Jazz Four got a liberal hand for everything they did. The picture will be shown for the last time tonight and a change of program in the comedy department will bring to the boards a rib-tickling creation called "The Duke." Murdock will be the central figure and the quartette will appear in new numbers.

"Barbary Sheep" At the Nelson.

Elsie Ferguson, the popular stage star made her motion picture debut at the Nelson yesterday in a screen version of Robert Hichens' well known novel, "Barbary Sheep." Conceded to be the most elaborate film production ever staged in Fort Lee, New Jersey's famous motion picture producing center this offering created a wonderful impression on yesterday's audiences.

In the making of the big Algerian street scenes in which two thousand persons took part, a complete village was built and on the last day of the production of the film several thousand "fans" gathered on the streets and nearby rooftops to watch the unusual proceedings. Staged under the able direction of Maurice Tourneur, this photoplay has proven the greatest vehicle ever afforded Miss Ferguson. The book from which the film was adapted proved Robert Hichens' greatest seller since "The Garden of Allah." The supporting cast includes Pedro de Cordoba, Lumsden Hare, Macy Harlan, Alex Shannon, Maude Ford and many other talented screen artists. It is being repeated at the Nelson today.

"More Truth Than Poetry"—Princess

Mme. Petrova, the great emotional actress plays the part of Elaine Esmond, the novelist and also Vera Maitland, the principal character in her own novel, "More Truth Than Poetry," which is the offering at the Princess today and tomorrow. In the novel Vera marries Ashton Blair, an unsuccessful lawyer. She secures a big case for him when her friend, Grace Danby, tells her that her husband has killed a man who had incurred his jealous wrath. Blair succeeds in securing his acquittal. Success turns Blair's head, and he neglects his wife, finding companionship in another woman. The heart-broken wife runs away to seek forgetfulness, only to encounter the culprits. Here highly dramatic events give a thrill

ling climax to this story within a story, and Elaine's own love affair reaches a happy conclusion.

Thos. H. Ince's "Civilization"

The presentation of Thomas H. Ince's greatest production, "Civilization," is scheduled for the Grand as an Xmas day attraction.

In some quarters it has been thought that the great Ince masterpiece was merely a production of war pictures but this is not the case. "Civilization" does show war in all its horrors, but on the other hand, it is an argument for permanent peace and points out the surest way to obtain it.

Thomas H. Ince spent \$1,000,000 to produce "Civilization," as a protest against war. In the picture he shows peace—then war, and peace restored. He did this to make the contrast and show the futility of sacrificing men to the cannon. The peace scenes are those that can be found in all countries not at war, and are followed by great battles on land, in the air, and in the sea. A passenger steamship is destroyed, a submarine sunk, aeroplanes are brought to earth, a city is destroyed, all to show war's horrors.

"Civilization," is to be presented twice daily on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Dixie—"Society's Driftwood."

"Society's Driftwood," a Butterfly feature starring Grace Cunard, is scheduled at the Dixie today and in all probability will be played. It was originally set down for yesterday, but the films failed to arrive and another program was substituted. The picture is one of the best Butterflies yet produced. The gist of its story was told in this column yesterday.

"CLOSE UPS"

Messereau's Mile-a-Minute Girls are at Morgantown this week and attracting big audiences.

Kleever Pictures, Inc., will release on December 31st, a timely comedy, called "Oh, U Boat," featuring Victor Moore. It was written by Thomas J. Gray and directed by Chester M. DeVonde.

Dorothy Dalton, the talented Ince star who has won new laurels as an exceptionally fine emotional actress since appearing in Paramount pictures, will star in a new photoplay, "Flare-Up 'Em," following her appearance in "Love Letters."

Ann Pennington has begun work on her new Paramount picture, "Calvary Alley." This new picture is an adaptation of Alice Hegan Rice's book of the same name, one of Mrs. Rice's best sellers, along with "Lovely Mary," "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," "Mr. Opp," "Sandy" and a number of others.

11 A. M. to 11 P. M. Continuous

DIXIE
TODAY

Vitaphone's Remarkable Story of Adventure.

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FIGHTING
TRAIL"

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A Strong 5 Reel Feature
Production

TOMORROW
Alice Joyce and Harry Morey in

"WHOM THE GODS
DESTROY"

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Featuring

DOROTHY PHILLIPS

A Vivid and Stirring Drama of the Early West.

Special Music Every Night.

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TWICE DAILY, 2:30, 8:30
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Thrill puffs upon thrill. You are shocked, amazed, overwhelmed. No other such picture of the melodrama, the pathos, the horror of modern scientific warfare, will be or could be created.

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CIVILIZATION
A MAMMOTH CINEMA SPECTACLE
"NOTHING SO GREAT EVER
CONCEIVED BY THE BRAIN OF MAN."
—EVEN JOURNAL

Worthington

A Musical Treat

The concert given by the Worthington Choral Society on Wednesday evening was a real musical treat. The program as carried out was as follows:

The Star Spangled Banner ... Chorus
Anvil Chorus (Verdi) ... Chorus
Swing High, Swing Low ... Chorus
A Perfect Day, Violoncello obbligato, W. D. Barrington and Mary Oakes. A group of songs by W. D. Barrington: 1. "For You Alone," 2. "Sweet Little Girl," 3. "When the Boys Come Marching Home." Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin, Chorus Pickaninny Lullaby, Chorus.

A three minute talk by Dr. G. L. Howell on the subject of vocal music. Instruction in vocal music in the public schools was one of the things advocated by the speaker.

The Male Quartette of the First M. E. church of Fairmont sang 3 selections "Going Down the Valley," "His Love Comes a Trickling Down," and "When the Phone Bell Rang," and as encore they sang The Prohibition Band Wagon.

"Maryland, My Maryland" and "Hail Columbia," were sang by the society, and the exercises closed with the singing of America by the entire audience.

We understand the society is arranging to continue instructions by Prof. Barrington and if so, we hope they will repeat the concert in the not too distant future.

Holding His Own

Leo A. Parrish who has been critically ill for several days with typhoid fever seems to be holding his own at present and it is the hope of his friends that he will pull through all right.

Gone To Purchase Goods.

B. H. Skinner and A. R. Watkins went to Clarksburg on Thursday, where they will purchase goods to stock the store they will operate at Kilam in Grant District.

Personals

G. C. Martin came down from Clarksburg on Wednesday evening to attend the musical concert at the Christian church.

Miss Florence Millan is confined to her home by an indisposition.

E. E. Eller of Wyatt, Harrison county, was a business visitor here on Thursday.

George W. Millan of Carolina, was transacting business in town on Thursday.

Chas. O. Messenger and Miss Mabel Hubanks have been added to the

force of clerks in McIntire's store to help out during the holiday rush.

David T. Martin, of Shinnston, was a business visitor here on Thursday. Harry Frame, of Hutchinson, was a business caller here on Thursday. He was accompanied by his father from Gilmer county.

S. K. Jacobs was transacting notarial business at Idamay on Thursday.

Dorsey Warfield of Carolina was a business visitor in town on Wednesday.

Joseph Fucy, of Weston, was a prominent business visitor here on Thursday.

Joseph Staeb of Annabelle, was a caller here on Thursday afternoon.

DR NEILL DENTAL
MEMBER OF BOARD

Dr. C. W. Waddell, chairman of the Medical Advisory board, appointed to co-operate in the selective draft movement, today received word that Dr. C. H. Neill, of this city, has been appointed the dental member of the board.

The medical advisory board corresponds to the legal advisory in the feature that it renders this service to the government gratuitously, although it has four counties under its care instead of one, as the lawyers have. The board of which Dr. Waddell is chairman, has Preston, Monongalia, Taylor and Marion counties in its district and will have its headquarters at Cook hospital, this city, because of its laboratory and X-ray facilities.

This board will have three principal duties: To examine registrants who are passed by the local board and they themselves think that they are physically unfit for service; re-examine those declared unfit by the physicians of the local board and to re-examine any registrant at the instance of the government appeal agent.

The members of the legal advisory board are all Fairmonters and are composed of the following: Dr. C. W. Waddell, chairman; Dr. H. H. Carr, Dr. H. R. Johnson, Dr. J. A. Graham, Dr. J. W. McDonald and Dr. C. H. Neill.

Confessed His Guilt—Will Love, colored, yesterday afternoon confessed before Justice Conaway to a charge of bringing in four pints of whiskey. He was riding on a trolley car when arrested. He was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 and was sent to jail for sixty days.

TONIGHT—LAST TIMES OF THE
CAMP SHELBY
PICTURESAT THE
HIPPODROME

FEATURES OF THE PICTURES
—Picturization of Sport Events
and Camp Life in General
—Close-up Views of Officers
—Inspection of Companies from
West Virginia, Kentucky and
Indiana.
—Soldiers' Y. M. C. A. Building
—Soldiers' Movie Theatre
—Regimental Bands on Parade
—Arrival of Troop Trains
—Football, Boxing Events, etc.
—Scenes of Hattiesburg, Miss.

SHOWING IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR SHOW
BON BON REVUE IN MUSICAL COMEDY

THE DUKE

Entirely New Program
Matinee at 3, 15c. Night at 7.45 and 9, 15c and 25c.

OUR OWN DAILY MOVIE

THE AMERICAN HOME
—Our Great Light Drama—
Time—This Evening Place—Any Modern Home
Cast of Characters— { Hostess—Helen
Guest—Both
Guest's Husband—Jack

Third Episode

Scenes I and II.—Helen switches on pantry light as she pushes open door. One small Edison Mazda bulb sparkles over the enameled sink and another before the china-closet. They stop to examine electric vacuum cleaner, which Helen demonstrates with great pride.

Scenes III and IV.—Next there is a switching on of a big Edison Mazda Lamp as they step into kitchen. Here Beth goes into raptures over a wonderful electric range, while Helen explains the ease, quickness and quality of its cooking. Over the range is another little Edison Mazda bulb that throws a light right down into any pot or pan. Next they inspect the refrigerator, with an Edison Mazda Lamp right above it that makes the farthest corner brilliant.

(Look for Fourth Episode tomorrow)

How would you like this kitchen?

We can help you get it

The Monongahela Valley Traction Co.

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Traction Company

Fairmont, West Virginia

NOTICE!
To Our Prtrons

The Holiday Season is at hand and the Monongahela Valley Traction Company, like other Public Service Corporations, finds itself handicapped on account of conditions with which its patrons are more or less familiar.

This letter is not intended as an excuse but in order that the public may have an understanding of the adverse conditions under which it operates.

Among the important causes which lessens the ability to give satisfactory service are—

First—That many of the company's old and experienced employes have been called into the Government service and their places filled with new men, who, by lack of experience in this character of work have been unable to give the degree of service rendered by the old men. This is no reflection upon the loyalty or ability of the new men, but is a natural result of lack of experience.

Second—Shortage of equipment. This was anticipated nearly a year ago and additional equipment ordered, with delivery promised by October, but because of failure to obtain necessary materials the builders of this new equipment have been unable to complete the order but it is now promised early in January.

Third—Exceptionally severe weather, with the general shortage of fuel, making it impossible in the Company's car barns to keep the cars in condition.

Fourth—Heavy traffic due to industrial conditions along the Company's lines.

While the public are more or less in touch with the operation of the service throughout the valley, there are reasons for delayed service with which they are not familiar. A resume of the delay reports for November shows 167 due from many causes, some accidents beyond control, some that might have been avoided, many due to contraction and breaking of high tension wires, causing holding of cars at connecting points, namely Clarksburg, Lumberport, Helen's Run, Rivesville, Fairmont and other points.

During the extreme cold weather the supply of gas has been less than 70 per cent which has been a serious drawback, and uncomfortable but has prevented suffering with the exception of particular cases; the Service Department having answered 182 calls of choked regulators, breaks in lines and other causes; the factories have been able to keep their products warm but not to operate. The Company has endeavored to secure gas from the larger companies shipping gas out of the state, but upon inquiry they have reported themselves in a similar condition.

The company has done everything possible to minimize these adverse conditions; in order to procure material it has paid prices for the same which under other conditions would be prohibitive; it has reconstructed and placed in temporary operation its abandoned power plant at a cost of construction and operation unjustified, except to meet emergency conditions; it has contracted for and now has in course of construction a new central power plant with a capacity of 50,000 k. w. at war cost and a gas producer plant at three times normal prices.

The Company's policy has been to give good service and to anticipate the public's needs; it realizes that it has not always found it possible to live up to this policy.

Very sincerely yours,

JAMES O. WATSON, President.